



Know Your Rainbow History World War One



Newly assigned to the 42nd Infantry Division? Been here for a while and wondered where the "Rainbow" nickname originated?

One of the most important aspects of an Army organization is its history and lineage. Rainbow Soldiers in two World Wars helped to liberate Europe, just as today we mobilize again to bring peace and stability to war-torn Iraq.

The 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division's history began with America's entry into World War One. Amidst the rush by America to mobilize, individual states competed for the honor to be the first to send their National Guard units to fight in the trenches of Europe. To check the negative implications of this competition and to minimize the impact the mobilization would have upon any one state, the War Department created a division composed of hand-picked National Guard units from 26 states and the District of Columbia. As a result of this unified effort, the 42nd Infantry Division was born August 5th, 1917, at Camp Mills on Long Island, New York.

Colonel Douglas MacArthur, who was instrumental in forming the division as Chief of Staff and one of its early commanders in World War One said shortly after mobilization, "The 42nd Division stretches like a Rainbow from one end of America to the other." Reporters liked the reference and the division nickname was born.

Soldiers originally had local seamstresses both on Long Island and in France create the shoulder insignia and wore unofficial Rainbow patches up through its official approval in October of 1918.

The 42nd Division arrived in France in November 1917 and entered the front line in March 1918, where it remained in almost constant contact with the enemy for 174 days. During its time in France, the 42nd Division participated in six major campaigns and incurred more than fourteen thousand casualties during the war. The 42nd Division's WWI service officially came to an end after occupation duties in May of 1919.

Look for more history and stories from former Rainbow Soldiers in future issues

A Nation Pays Homage to a Former Leader

To the thrum of muffled drums and the strains of solemn music and eulogies, the body of Ronald Wilson Reagan returned Wednesday evening to the capital he served in through two terms as president. Mr. Reagan died last Saturday of complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was 93.

Mr. Reagan's body arrived on June 9th at Andrews Air Force Base where a hearse carried his coffin to the south end of the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument. There, the coffin was transferred to a vintage 1918 horse-drawn caisson, accompanied by a riderless horse named Sergeant York, for the Tennessee pacifist who became one of the greatest heroes of World War I, with Mr. Reagan's own soft brown riding boots reversed in the stirrups in a sign of military mourning.

Pallbearers representing all the military services carried the coffin onto the caisson with quiet precision, sliding it onto the wagon-bed a single, side-stepping pace at a time.

Then the procession rolled slowly down Constitution Avenue past the Smithsonian museums and the National Archives, finally ascending Capitol Hill to the grand West Front of the building facing the Mall, where Mr. Reagan first took the oath of office 23 years ago, breaking with long tradition that had placed such ceremonies on the East Front.

As the cortege approached the Capitol, 21 F-15 Eagle fighters - led by a lone jet, then flights of four, the last of them with a man missing - roared overhead. Then, as the caisson paused at the foot of the steps leading up the West Front, three howitzers thudded out a 21-gun salute as the band played "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief," and finally a mournful rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In all, the journey to the Rotunda was 116 steps, and the pallbearers switched out every two flights to share the coffin's 700-pound weight. There it was placed on the simple, velvet-covered wood catafalque first used at Abraham Lincoln's funeral in 1865, 180 feet below the concave ceiling of the Capitol's cast-iron dome.

At the end of the 45-minute service, the Army's Brass Quintet played "God Bless America."

On June 11th a gathering of nearly 4,000 mourners at the National Cathedral that included all four surviving ex-presidents, former British and Canadian prime ministers and an eclectic collection of former Reagan aides and friends from around the world, a Nation said its final farewell. The state funeral capped six days of national mourning for the 40th president. Mr. Reagan was flown to California for burial.



STAYING ALIVE

10 Soldier tips for your tour in Iraq

Courtesy of the 'Army Times'

Officials at the Center for Army Lessons Learned have culled through thousands of messages coming in around-the-clock from soldiers in Iraq, sharing insights into the keys to survival and success in the combat zone. Here are 10 lessons learned from the troops.

1. Every Soldier in Operation Iraqi Freedom is first and foremost a rifleman and warrior.

Overwhelming evidence from the Iraqi theater shows that soldiers must have warrior training and a warrior mind-set when they deploy. There is no rear line in Iraq, so convoy troops are getting into firefights with the enemy and artillerymen are conducting foot patrols, kicking in doors and snatching bad guys. To meet this new reality, the Army has been rapidly overhauling soldier training at all levels in theater, at mobilizations stations, home stations, combat training centers and in major readiness exercises and live-fire exercises.

2. You can make a good or bad strategic impact in this war.

Center officials emphasize that Soldiers have a tremendous effect on the success of the coalition mission by their actions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Iraq culture, along with the global information network of communications and news, uniquely positions U.S. Soldiers to communicate verbally and through their actions to the entire world.

3. You must be ready to perform duties well beyond those for which you have been trained.

Soldiers in Iraq have found that they must be extremely adaptive and adept at recognizing missions that must be accomplished, even when they are beyond the scope of their basic job skills. Infantrymen might work humanitarian projects; tank drivers might be sent to help a natural disaster.

4. Operation Iraqi Freedom is a neighborhood-by-neighborhood fight.

Soldiers fighting the fight in Iraq say warriors must have 360-degree war-fighting focus. This is largely an urban fight and the danger is everywhere, on the rooftops, down the alleyways, inside the homes, and in vehicles and roadside objects set to explode. Yet because combat operations are inside population centers, soldiers need to execute warrior ethos while simultaneously displaying sensitivity to the local people. The requirement places a great psychological demand on young Soldiers.

5. Cultural awareness is a combat multiplier.

One eye-opener for many troops sent to Iraq is the broad cultural fabric of Iraq, a society of tribes, clans and religion unfamiliar to most Americans. Mission success requires learning to recognize and respect local customs and traditions while rooting out insurgents.

6. Soldiers must determine the needs and wants of the local populations before committing to working local stabilization and reconstruction projects. Once that commitment is made, follow-through is vital.

Individual Soldiers at the company and battalion level have helped ease the meeting structure and procedures of neighborhood and district advisory councils. Successful reconstruction efforts reinforce the democracy movement, while counteracting the perception of many Iraqis that their life has not changed significantly since the coalition occupation. "One thousand Iraqis who are working today are often 1,000 fewer Iraqis to worry about tonight on the perimeter," according to a center official.

7. The key to surviving the threat from improvised explosive devices is to install a "can find, can beat and can survive" mentality toward the interdiction of these terrorist weapons.

The troops in Iraq are keenly aware that improvised explosive devices lie everywhere, can be made of just about anything and normally precede a follow-up attack. They say that it's important to check everything. Thoroughness, anticipation and ingenuity are key to self-protection and accomplishing the mission.

8. It's important to learn to train and work with Iraqi security forces.

Coalition troops in Iraq have flooded the center's databases with a wealth of information on the challenges and successes of working with these forces, and how to integrate, equip and use them.

9. Human intelligence is the coalition's greatest source of actionable intelligence.

Units on the ground have developed tactics, techniques and procedures to quickly move to exploit intelligence information, to prevent attacks, locate weapons caches and insurgents and more.

10. Soldiers operate and fight as part of a coalition and joint team.

Many Soldiers in Iraq are finding themselves working side by side with troops from other U.S. services as well as those of foreign militaries. Soldiers are working with Marines in the 1st Brigade Combat Team, for example. Learning the customs and cultures of other services will help build a stronger team.

NEWS FROM IRAQ

RAINBOW SOLDIERS KILLED IN IRAQ

First Combat Losses for 42nd Infantry Since WWII

The Department of Defense announced last week the combat deaths of four Rainbow Division Soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Killed in the line of duty on June 4th was SGT Frank T. Carvill, 51, of Carlstadt, NJ and SPC Christopher M. Duffy, 26 of Brick, NJ, in Baghdad, Iraq when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked their convoy. Both Soldiers were assigned to the Lawrenceville, NJ based 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery.

SGT Humberto F. Timoteo, 25 of Newark, NJ and SPC Ryan E. Doltz, 26 of Mine Hill, NJ, both assigned to Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery died June 5 in Baghdad, Iraq when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, loved ones and fellow Rainbow Soldiers who mourn the loss of these fine men," said MG Joseph J. Taluto, 42nd Infantry Division Commander. "It is a tremendous loss anytime a Soldier is killed, but these events only strengthen our determination to accomplish our mission of returning peace and security to Iraq," he said.

The Rainbow Division Artillery Soldiers were deployed to Task Force Baghdad with the 1st Armored Division to conduct in-lieu-of military police duties, assisting with the stability and security missions in and around the Iraqi capital. The two incidents are under investigation



Al-Sadr offers conditional support

Fresh from negotiating a truce with US forces in Najaf and Karbala, Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr lends conditional support to the Iraqi transitional government.

Al-Sadr said he would cooperate with the new government on the condition that it provide a deadline for the end of the US-led occupation of Iraq.

"I support the new interim government...help me take this society to the path of security and peace," he said in a statement read by an aide before a Friday prayer congregation in Kufa.

"Starting now, I ask you that we open a new page for Iraq and for peace," his statement read.

Al-Sadr had earlier vehemently opposed the nomination of Shia secularist Iyad Allawi as Iraq's interim prime minister but appears to have bowed to pressure from other Shia leaders.

Interim Iraqi President Wants U.S. Partnership

Iraq's newly named interim president, Ghazi Yawar said last week that his government would allow U.S. commanders to retain overall control over U.S. and international forces in Iraq after limited authority is handed over to Iraq on June 30, offering the interim Iraqi leadership's first public endorsement of the Bush administration's post-occupation military policy.

Yawar said in an interview that the new Iraqi government wanted control over all military forces in the country but recognized that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to wield such power over international troops.

But he said that he and other Iraqi leaders expected to have "very close coordination and consultation" with U.S. commanders. The commanders, he said, should seek the consent of the Iraqi government whenever possible, particularly before conducting major operations. "We do not want to deter their movement, but at the same time, we have to make sure that no negative political consequences come out of these operations," he said. "We want these forces to act as an invited force, not as an occupying force."

Iraqi Diplomat Killed in Blow to New Government

Gunmen killed a top Iraqi diplomat June 12th in the first high-profile assassination in Iraq since an interim government took over on June 1.

Attackers fatally wounded Bassam Qubba, the foreign ministry's director-general, as he was on his way to work from his home in Baghdad's mainly Sunni Muslim Adhamiya district.

U.S. officials say insurgents, who often target Iraqis seen as cooperating with the Americans, are likely to step up attacks before Iraq's occupation formally ends on June 30.

The following day, Sunday, June 13th gunmen killed the cultural-affairs officer for the Education Ministry, authorities said.

Attackers ambushed Kamal al-Jarah outside his home as he was leaving for work at about 7:30 a.m. The attack took place in the Baghdad neighborhood of Ghazaliya, a predominantly Sunni Muslim neighborhood where support for Saddam Hussein's regime had been strong.

Gunmen killed another career diplomat, Aqila al-Hashemi, in September, just weeks after she became a member of Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council, which is now defunct.

In other attacks on June 12th, a roadside bomb wounded three Iraqi policemen and a civilian in the town of Baquba, 40 miles north of Baghdad, police and hospital officials said.

The U.S. military said two coalition Soldiers were wounded by a second roadside bomb in the Baquba area.

US Army's 3rd Infantry Division Regrouped Into 'Units of Action'

The US Army's 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) (3ID) has almost completed its reorganization into brigades capable of being deployed for independent operations.

The division's three ground maneuver brigades have now been regrouped into four identical brigades with an expanded reconnaissance capability and integral artillery. Each brigade now has its own battalion-strength reconnaissance squadron.

"The added reconnaissance to each brigade is a huge plus," said LTC Michael Johnson, who is overseeing the reorganization of the division. "Now you have added a whole squadron with a battalion headquarters and the ability to sustain itself and do a lot more operations," he said.

The brigades will have two combat battalions, which will each consist of two mechanized infantry companies, two tank companies, an engineer company and a headquarters company. The move to four combat companies is a significant one, said MG Julian Burns, chief of staff of US Army Forces Command. "When you're in a combat situation that fourth company gives you operational flexibility to influence and exploit a success in the attack. Typically it's two up and one back. Well, that means you're committed. It's that fourth company that allows you to weight the main effort and/or to exploit the tactical success into a decisive event."

The divisional artillery has been reorganized so that each brigade now has an integral artillery battalion, which has been regrouped from three batteries of six guns each to two batteries with eight guns.

Driver's License Expiring?

Rainbow Soldiers from New York are eligible to have their expiration date for their NYS driver licenses extended for the period of Active Duty plus up to six months after separation from service. In order to take advantage of section 116 (3) of the NYS Defense Emergency Act, Soldiers must complete Form MV-75 and send it to the License Production Bureau with a copy of their orders. Contact the OSJA Legal Assistance office at (315) 774-0062 or stop at Building T671 on Ft. Drum to obtain the appropriate forms. Soldiers who reside outside NY should contact the OSJA for information on how to make inquiries within their home state.

This Newsletter is provided by the 42nd ID Public Affairs section to ensure our Soldiers stay informed. Input and submissions from command staff sections and Rainbow units are welcome. Contact MSG Lombardo at (315) 408-8544 or visit the 42nd ID Media Center on Fort Drum if you have questions or submissions.

Know when to call the Inspector General

To complain without fear of reprisal is the right of any Soldier, Civilian or Family member seeking assistance from the Inspector General. Problem solving is one of the IG's primary missions. However, keep in mind the following tips when calling for help.

Be sure you have a problem, not just a peeve

Give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem. Many problems must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution anyway.

If IG assistance is needed, contact your local IG first.

Be honest and don't provide misleading information

Keep in mind that IGs are not policy makers. If a policy is flawed you can submit proposed changes on a DA form 2028.

Keep in mind that IGs can only recommend, not order a resolution. Only Commanders can order, the role of the IG is to advise the Commander.

Remember IGs can only resolve a case on the basis of fact.

Don't expect instant action on your request. Be patient

Be prepared to take "No" for the answer. But feel free to ask why?

Members of the 42nd ID should contact LTC Betor at (315) 772-1182

SPORTS NEWS

NBA - Pistons move closer to victory.

Poised and primed for a title, Detroit took care of business while the Lakers were losing their cool. Building a lead early in the fourth quarter and holding it the rest of the way, the Pistons moved one victory closer to their first championship in 14 years with a convincing 88-80 victory Sunday night in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

MLB - Ken Griffey, Jr. didn't make history.

The Cincinnati Reds didn't have a pleasant three-day stay at Jacobs Field as Griffey moved within one swing of history with his 499th career homer, but the Reds' losing streak reached a season-high six games with a 10-8 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

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